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<sup>1</sup>eat*verb* \ˈēt\

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**Definition of EAT**[Like](#)*transitive verb*

- 1** : to take in through the mouth as food : ingest, chew, and swallow in turn
- 2 a** : to destroy, consume, or waste by or as if by eating <expenses *ate* up the profits> <gadgets that *eat* up too much space>  
**b** : to bear the expense of : take a loss on <the team was forced to *eat* the rest of his contract>
- 3 a** : to consume gradually : **CORRODE** <cars *eaten* away by rust>  
**b** : to consume with vexation : **BOTHER** <what's *eating* you now>
- 4** : to enjoy eagerly or avidly : **LAP** —used with *up* <it was an amazing performance and the crowd *ate* it up>
- 5** *usually vulgar* : to perform fellatio or cunnilingus on —often used with *out*

*intransitive verb*

- 1** : to take food or a meal
- 2** : to affect something by gradual destruction or consumption —usually used with *into*, *away*, or *at* <the loss was really *eating* at her> <the controversy *ate* into his support>
  - **eat·er** *noun*
  - **eat alive**  
: to defeat, conquer, or overwhelm completely : **CRUSH** <was *eaten alive* by the competition>
  - **eat one out of house and home**  
: to consume more than one can easily provide or afford
  - **eat one's heart out**  
**1** : to grieve bitterly

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: to retract what one has said

— **eat out of one's hand**

: to accept the domination of another

— **eat someone's lunch**

: to deprive of profit, dominance, or success

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First Known Use: before 12th century

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